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In re Patent Application of )  
Matti KORPELA et al. ) U.S. National Phase,  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. National Phase of PCT/FI98/00873, filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments thereto:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of the claims 1-6" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of the claims 1-6" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 9, line 1, change "any of the claims 1-8" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of the claims 1-9" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 12,".

Please add the following new claims: